

Thursday, March 14, 1996

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 9 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1613–1618, and S. Res. 231. **Page S2101**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 487, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–241)

Measures Passed:

Expressing Condolences to Scotland: Senate agreed to S. Res. 231, expressing sympathies to the people of Scotland. **Pages S2101, S2104**

Further Continuing Appropriations: Senate passed H.J. Res. 163, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996. **Page S2094**

Continuing Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3019, making appropriations for fiscal year 1996 to make a further downpayment toward a balanced budget, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

Pages S2005–30, S2031–33, S2038–79, S2081–94

Adopted:

Craig Amendment No. 3494 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for payment for attorney's fees and expenses relating to certain actions brought under the Legal Services Corporation Act. **Page S2029**

Hatch/Grassley Modified Amendment No. 3495 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide additional funding for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. **Pages S2031–33, S2039–40**

Hatfield (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 3497 (to Amendment No. 3466), to restore funding for the Competitiveness Policy Council. **Page S2039**

Faircloth Amendment No. 3502 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that contracts to carry out programs of assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina using funds appropriated for that purpose be entered

into only with corporations and other organizations organized in the United States. **Page S2056**

Gorton Amendment No. 3503 (to Amendment No. 3466), to partially restore funds in the Department of the Interior's and the Department of Energy's administrative accounts. **Pages S2056–57**

Gorton (for Stevens) Amendment No. 3504 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide emergency funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to repair damage caused by flooding in Alaska. **Pages S2056–57**

Gorton (for Kempthorne) Amendment No. 3505 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide emergency funding for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide technical assistance to other agencies involved in disaster response. **Pages S2056–57**

Gorton (for Daschle) Amendment No. 3506 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for the Indian Health Services for inhalant abuse treatment programs. **Pages S2056–57**

Gorton (for Hatfield) Amendment No. 3507 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds for repairs at the Amalgamated Mine site in the Willamette National Forest. **Pages S2056–57**

Cohen/Bumpers Amendment No. 3501 (to Amendment No. 3466), to permit recipients of Legal Services Corporation grants to use funds derived from non-Federal sources to testify at legislative hearings or to respond to requests for certain information. **Pages S2055–56, S2060, S2067–68**

Warner (for Hatfield) Amendment No. 3527 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide assistance to meet unanticipated needs for the defense of Israel against terrorism. **Pages S2071, S2093–94**

Rejected:

By 42 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 33), Murray Modified Amendment No. 3493 (to Amendment No. 3466), to repeal the emergency salvage timber sale program. **Pages S2005–28**

By 43 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 35), McConnell/Dole Amendment No. 3500 (to Amendment No. 3466), to strike provisions concerning certification of population programs. **Pages S2043–44, S2044–54**

Pending:

Hatfield Modified Amendment No. 3466, in the nature of a substitute.

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Lautenberg Amendment No. 3482 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for programs necessary to maintain essential environmental protection.

Pages S2005, S2088–92

Hatch Amendment No. 3499 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds to the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department.

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Boxer/Murray Amendment No. 3508 (to Amendment No. 3466), to permit the District of Columbia to use local funds for certain activities.

Pages S2057–59, S2084–86

Gorton Amendment No. 3496 (to Amendment No. 3466), to designate the "Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center", located in Walla Walla, Washington.

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Simon Amendment No. 3510 (to Amendment No. 3466), to revise the authority relating to employment requirements for recipients of scholarships or fellowships from the National Security Education Trust Fund.

Pages S2061–62

Simon Amendment No. 3511 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding to carry out title VI of the National Literary Act of 1991, title VI of the Library Services and Construction Act, and section 109 of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.

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Coats Amendment No. 3513 (to Amendment No. 3466), to amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit governmental discrimination in the training and licensing of health professionals on the basis of the refusal to undergo or provide training in the performance of induced abortions.

Pages S2062–63, S2086

Bond (for Pressler) Amendment No. 3514 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funding for a Radar Satellite project at NASA.

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Bond Amendment No. 3515 (to Amendment No. 3466), to clarify rent setting requirements of law regarding housing assisted under section 236 of the National Housing Act to limit rents charged moderate income families to that charged for comparable, nonassisted housing, and clarify permissible uses of rental income by such projects, in excess of operating costs and debt service.

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Bond Amendment No. 3516 (to Amendment No. 3466), to increase in amount available under the HUD Drug Elimination Grant Program for drug elimination activities in and around federally-assisted low-income housing developments by \$30 million, to be derived from carry-over HOPE program balances.

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Bond Amendment No. 3517 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a special fund dedicated to enable the Department of Housing and Urban Development

to meet crucial milestones in restructuring its administrative organization and more effectively address housing and community development needs of States and local units of government and to clarify and reaffirm provisions of current law with respect to the disbursement of HOME and CDBG funds allocated to the State of New York.

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Lautenberg Amendment No. 3518 (to Amendment No. 3466), relating to labor-management relations.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3484 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3485 (to Amendment No. 3466), expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the budget treatment of Federal disaster assistance.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3486 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster relief provided under this Act be funded through amounts previously made available to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, to be reimbursed through regular annual appropriations Acts.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3487 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I discretionary spending by the appropriate percentage (.367%) to offset Federal disaster assistance.

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Santorum Amendment No. 3488 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reduce all Title I "Salary and Expense" and "Administrative Expense" accounts by the appropriate percentage (3.5%) to offset Federal disaster assistance.

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Gramm Amendment No. 3519 (to Amendment No. 3466), to make the availability of obligations and expenditures contingent upon the enactment of a subsequent act incorporating an agreement between the President and Congress relative to Federal expenditures.

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Wellstone Amendment No. 3520 (to Amendment No. 3466), to urge the President to release already-appropriated fiscal year 1996 emergency funding for home heating and other energy assistance, and to express the sense of the Senate on advance-appropriated funding for FY 1997.

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Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3521 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require that disaster funds made available to certain agencies be allocated in accordance with the established prioritization processes of the agencies.

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Bond (for McCain) Amendment No. 3522 (to Amendment No. 3466), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a plan for the allocation of health care resources of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Warner Amendment No. 3523 (to Amendment No. 3466), to prohibit the District of Columbia from enforcing any rule or ordinance that would terminate taxicab service reciprocity agreements with the States of Virginia and Maryland. **Page S2068**

Murkowski/Stevens Amendment No. 3524 (to Amendment No. 3466), to reconcile seafood inspection requirements for agricultural commodity programs with those in use for general public consumers. **Pages S2069–70, S2078–80**

Murkowski Amendment No. 3525 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for the approval of an exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument. **Page S2070**

Warner (for Thurmond) Amendment No. 3526 (to Amendment No. 3466), to delay the exercise of authority to enter into multiyear procurement contracts for C-17 aircraft. **Pages S2070–71**

Burns Amendment No. 3528 (to Amendment No. 3466), to allow the refurbishment and continued operation of a small hydroelectric facility in central Montana by adjusting the amount of charges to be paid to the United States under the Federal Power Act. **Page S2071**

Burns Amendment No. 3529 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for Impact Aid school construction funding. **Page S2072**

Burns Amendment No. 3530 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a Commission on restructuring the circuits of the United States Courts of Appeals. **Page S2072**

Coats (for Dole/Lieberman) Amendment No. 3531 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide for low-income scholarships in the District of Columbia. **Pages S2072–76**

Coverdell Amendment No. 3532 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide funds for employment-related activities of the 1996 Paralympic Games. **Page S2076**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 3533 (to Amendment No. 3482), to increase appropriations for EPA water infrastructure financing, Superfund toxic waste site cleanups, operating programs, and to increase funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps). **Pages S2088–92**

Withdrawn:

Harkin Amendment No. 3498 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a fraud and abuse control program in order to prevent health care fraud and abuse. **Pages S2040–43, S2044**

Mikulski Amendment No. 3509 (to Amendment No. 3466), to provide additional funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service, and to express the Sense of the Congress regarding the financial management of taxpayers' funds. **Pages S2059–60, S2092–93**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 36 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 36), three-fifths of those Senators duly chose and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to waive certain provisions of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to consideration of Grams Amendment No. 3492 (to Amendment No. 3466), to establish a lock-box deficit reduction and revenues generated by tax cuts. Subsequently, a point of order that the amendment was in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act was sustained, and the amendment was ruled out of order. **Pages S2081–84**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and the amendments pending thereto, with votes to occur on, or in relation thereto, on Tuesday, March 19, 1995. **Page S2094**

Whitewater Investigation—Cloture Vote: By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 34), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, to authorize the use of additional funds for salaries and expenses of the Special Committee to Investigate Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters. **Pages S2033–36**

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. 942, to promote increased understanding of Federal regulations and increased voluntary compliance with such regulations by small entities, to provide for the designation of regional ombudsmen and oversight boards to monitor the enforcement practices of certain Federal agencies with respect to small business concerns, and to provide relief from excessive and arbitrary regulatory enforcement actions against small entities, on Friday, March 15, 1996. **Page S2095**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Received on Wednesday, March 13, 1996, during the recess of the Senate:

Transmitting the report of five proposed rescissions of budgetary resources; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Committee on Armed Services. (PM-131). **Page S2099**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

92 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

39 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert E. Anderson, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2001.

Lonnie R. Bristow, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring June 20, 2001.

Shirley Ledbetter Jones, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2001.

Susan Bass Levin, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation for a term expiring December 10, 1999.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

Routine list in the Navy.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total–36) Pages S2028, S2036, S2054, S2083–84

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 10:49 p.m., until 9:45 a.m., on Friday, March 15, 1996. (for Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2140.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee continued hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from Shelia E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force; and Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, Chief of Air Force Staff.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 19.

MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings to examine current and future military readiness as the Armed Forces prepare for the 21st Century, receiving testimony from Gen. Dennis J. Reimer, USA, Chief of Army Staff; Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman, USAF, Chief of Air Force Staff; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, March 21.

IMPACT OF SPECTRUM ESTIMATES ON BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings to examine budgetary and economic implications of certain proposals to auction the electromagnetic radio frequency spectrum, focusing on the current plan at the Federal Communications Commission to manage a transition from existing broadcast television technology to a new technology, after receiving testimony from David H. Moore, Senior Analyst, Natural Resources and Commerce Division, Congressional Budget Office; Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; Mike Burgess, KOB-TV, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Howard Shrier, Nebraska Broadcasters Association, Lincoln; Jerry A. Hausman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Tom Hazlett, University of California, Davis, on behalf of the American Enterprise Institute.

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION RELATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings to examine United States policy with regard to international aviation relations, receiving testimony from Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Aviation, and Patrick Murphy, Deputy

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, both of the Department of Transportation; John Anderson, Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Frederick W. Smith, Federal Express Corporation, Memphis, Tennessee; Dan Kasper, Coopers & Lybrand, Boston, Massachusetts; and Joseph Schwieterman, Chaddick Aviation Institute/DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

RIGHT-OF-WAY CLAIMS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1425, to recognize the validity of rights-of-way for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses, granted under section 2477 of the Revised Statutes, after receiving testimony from Senator Stevens; John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Alaska Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth J. Barry, and Alaska State Senator Loren Leman, both of Juneau; Chip Dennerlien, National Parks and Conservation Association, Anchorage, Alaska; Scott Groene, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, Cedar City; and Barbara Hjelle, Washington County, Utah.

WETLAND MITIGATION BANKING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine basic concepts underlying wetland mitigation banking, current practice and trends, Administration's recent Federal Guidance for the Establishment, Use and Operation of Mitigation Banks, and related proposals, including H.R. 961, Clean Water Amendments/Comprehensive Wetlands Conservation and Management Act, after receiving testimony from H. Martin Lancaster, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works; Robert Perciasepe, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Thomas R. Hebert, Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; John R. Dorney, North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Raleigh; Steve Gordon, Lane Council of Governments, Eugene, Oregon; John H. Ryan, Land and Water Resources, Inc., Rosemont, Illinois; Denver J. Stutler, Jr., ECOBANK, Winterpark, Florida; Robert D. Sokolove, U.S. Wetland Services, Inc., Bethesda,

Maryland; William J. Mitsch, Ohio State University, and Charles J. Ruma, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders, both of Columbus, Ohio; Leonard Shabman, Virginia Water Resources Research Center/Virginia Tech, Blacksburg; Jan Goldman-Carter, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C.; and Curtis C. Bohlen, Center for Estuarine and Environmental Studies/University of Maryland, Solomons, Maryland.

POSTAL SERVICE REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service held hearings on proposals to reform the United States Postal Service, receiving testimony from Ian D. Volner, Advertising Mail Marketing Association, John F. Sturm, Newspaper Association of America, and Tonda F. Rush, National Newspaper Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Cary Baer, Reader's Digest Association, Inc., Pleasantville, New York, Christopher McCormick, L.L. Bean, Inc., Freeport, Maine, and Jonah Gitlitz, Washington, D.C., all on behalf of the Direct Marketing Association; Hamilton Davison, Paramount Cards, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Jack Mayer, Hallmark Cards, Kansas City, Missouri, and Jeff Weiss, American Greetings Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio, all on behalf of the Greeting Card Association; and Timothy J. May, Patton, Boggs, and Blow, Washington, D.C., M. Jerome Jensen, Jr., Fingerhut Companies, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Chris Rebello, Current, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado, all on behalf of the Parcel Shippers Association.

Hearings continue on Monday, March 18.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee continued markup of S. 269, to increase control over immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigator personnel, improving the verification system for employer sanctions, increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, reforming asylum, exclusion, and deportation law and procedures, instituting a land border user fee, and reducing the use of welfare by aliens, and S. 1394, to reform the legal immigration of immigrants and nonimmigrants to the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Wednesday, March 20.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3083–3102; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 152, and H. Res. 382, 383, 385 were introduced. **Pages H2315–16**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation (H. Rept. 104–481);

H.R. 2739, to provide for a representational allowance for Members of the House of Representatives, to make technical and conforming changes to sundry provisions of law in consequence of administrative reforms in the House of Representatives, amended (H. Rept. 104–482); and

H. Res. 384, providing for consideration of H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States (H. Rept. 104–483).

Pages H2238–47, H2315

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Foley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2225**

Journal: By a recorded vote of 336 ayes to 73 noes, with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 63, the House approved the Journal of March 13. **Page H2238**

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the five-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, the Judiciary, National Security, Resources, Science, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans' Affairs, and Select Intelligence. **Page H2229**

Continuing Resolution: By a yea-and-nay vote of 238 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 62, the House agreed to H.J. Res. 163, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996. **Pages H2229–38**

Anti-Terrorism Act: By a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 191 noes, Roll No. 66, the House passed H.R. 2703, to combat terrorism. **Pages H2247–H2304**

Rejected the Conyers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2267**

Rejected:

The Watt amendment that sought to strike provisions relating to "habeas corpus" reform that place strict limits on the ability of state death row prisoners to challenge in Federal court the constitutionality of their conviction or sentence (rejected by a vote of 135 ayes to 283 noes, Roll No. 64). This amendment was debated on Wednesday; and

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The Conyers amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strike provisions restricting habeas corpus appeals by death row prisoners; to strike provisions expanding wire tapping authority; to strike provisions allowing the FBI access to telephone and consumer records; to strike language regarding the deportation of criminal aliens; to strike provisions for a study of "cop killer" bullets; to strike provisions designating a mandatory minimum penalty for knowingly transferring firearms used to commit violent crimes; to add provisions making it a crime to target children in an act of terrorism; to add provisions increasing the ability of U.S. citizens to sue a foreign country for sanctioning terrorism by eliminating the current requirement that the U.S. citizen enter into arbitration with the foreign country before filing suit; and to add provisions requiring judicial review of the State Department and the Attorney General designation of a terrorist group (rejected by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 65).

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The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, cross-references, punctuation, and to make any such stylistic, clerical, technical and conforming changes as may be necessary in the engrossment of the bill. In addition, it was made in order that the Clerk be authorized to make a specific technical correction to the bill.

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Subsequently, S. 735, a similar Senate-passed measure, was passed in lieu after being amended to contain the text of H.R. 2703 as passed the House. The title of the Senate bill was amended and H.R. 2703 was laid on the table.

Pages H2268–H2304

House then insisted on its amendments to S. 735 and asked a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Hyde, McCollum, Schiff, Buyer, Barr, Conyers, Schumer, and Berman.

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Agriculture Market Transition Act: House disagreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representative Roberts, Emerson, Gunderson, Ewing, Barrett of Nebraska, Allard, Bohner,

Pombo, de la Garza, Rose, Stenholm, Volkmer, Johnson of South Dakota, and Condit. **Pages H2304-05**

Agreed to the Peterson of Minnesota motion to instruct House conferees to insist on the House language regarding program extension of the Conservation Reserve Program through the year 2002 (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 412, Roll No. 67).

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Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 382, electing Representative Parker of Mississippi to the Committee on Appropriations to rank following Representative Riggs of California. **Page H2305**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Serrano wherein he resigns from the Committee on the Judiciary. **Page H2305**

Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 383, electing Representative Serrano to the Committee on Appropriations. **Page H2305**

Legislative Program: Representative Hastert, as a designee of the Majority Leader, announced the legislative program for the week of March 18. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. **Pages H2305-06**

Meeting Hour: Agreed to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19 for morning hour debates.

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Recess: House recessed at 4:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:41 p.m. **Page H2313**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Dreier to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of March 20. **Page H2306**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H2225.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2237-38, H2238, H2249-50, H2266-67, H2267, and H2304-05.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, FDA, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Farm Credit Admin-

istration and on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Marsha Martin, Chairman of the Board, Farm Credit Administration; and John Tull, Jr., Acting Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on Natural Resources. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the U.S. Institute of Peace, the National Education Goals Panel and the NLRB. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Richard W. Carlson, President and CEO, Corporation for Public Broadcasting; Max M. Kampelman, Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, U.S. Institute of Peace; Ken Nelson, Executive Director, National Education Goals Panel; and William B. Gould, IV, Chairman, NLRB.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from congressional and public witnesses.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Commander in Chief, Special Operations Command and Commander in Chief, U.S. Central Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Commander in Chief, Special Operations Command; and Gen. Binford J.J. Peay, III, USA, Commander in Chief, U.S. European Command.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Office of the Secretary. Testimony was heard from Mortimer L. Downey, Deputy Secretary, Department of Transportation.

TREASURY, POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on tax systems modernization and on IRS operations. Testimony was heard from the following

officials of the Department of the Treasury: Larry Summers, Deputy Secretary; and Margaret Milner Richardson, Commissioner, IRS.

HEALTH COVERAGE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action H.R. 3070, Health Coverage Availability and Affordability Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2570, amended, Older Americans Amendments of 1995; H.R. 3055, to amend section 326 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit continued participation by Historically Black Graduate Professional Schools in the grant program authorized by that section; and H.R. 3049, to amend section 1505 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the continuity of the Board of Trustees of the Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development.

LOCAL EMPOWERMENT AND FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations approved for full Committee action H.R. 2086, Local Empowerment and Flexibility Act of 1995.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported the following resolutions: H. Res. 345, expressing concern about the deterioration of human rights in Cambodia; H. Res. 379, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives concerning the eighth anniversary of the massacre of over 5,000 Kurds as a result of a gas bomb attack by the Iraqi Government; H. Con. Res. 102, concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community; H.J. Res. 158, to recognize the Peace Corps on the occasion of its 35th anniversary and the Americans who have served as Peace Corps volunteers; and H. Con. Res. 148, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Strait and United States military forces should defend Taiwan in the event of invasion, missile attack or blockade by the People's Republic of China.

CRISIS IN THE TAIWAN STRAIT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Crisis in the Taiwan Strait: Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy.

Testimony was heard from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL COURTS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1989, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Stephen H. Anderson, Judge, Salt Lake City, Utah; Emmett R. Cox, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit; Barefoot Sanders, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas; Earl W. Britt, Judge, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina; and a public witness.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request, with emphasis on the ABM Treaty and its relationship to national and theater missile defense programs. Testimony was heard from R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; Richard N. Perle, former Assistant Secretary, International Security Policy, Department of Defense; and Michael Krepon, President, Henry L. Stimson Center.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1772, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire certain interests in the Waihee Marsh for inclusion in the Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex; H.R. 1836, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge; H.R. 2660, to increase the amount authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior for the Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge; and H.R. 2679, to revise the boundary of the North Platte National Wildlife Refuge.

IMMIGRATION IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 2202, Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995. The rule waives all points of order except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (unfunded mandates) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the Committee on the Judiciary amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill,

as modified by the amendment printed in part 1 of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute, as modified, shall be considered as read.

The rule provides for the consideration of the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, which shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments referenced in the report of the Committee on Rules except those arising under section 425(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (unfunded mandates).

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to reduce to five minutes a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. The rule provides that a separate vote may be demanded in the House on any amendment adopted to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that it shall be in order at any time for the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary or a designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments not previously disposed of which are printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or germane modifications thereof, which may include a perfecting amendment to text proposed to be stricken by such an amendment. Amendments offered en bloc shall be considered as read (except that modifications shall be reported) and shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees. The original proponent of an amendment included in an en bloc amendment is permitted to insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately prior to the disposition of the amendment en bloc. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hyde, McCollum, Smith of Texas, Schiff, Gallegly, Canady of Florida, Goodlatte, Bryant of Tennessee, Chabot, Chrysler, Campbell, Tate, Archer, Shaw, Bunning, Camp, Doolittle, Pombo, Chambliss, Smith of New Jersey, Dreier, Rohrabacher, Deal of Georgia, Kim, Kingston, Bilbray, Brownback, Waldholtz, Conyers, Schumer, Berman, Bryant of Texas, Scott, Becerra, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Vento,

Gutierrez, Roybal-Allard, Velázquez, Abercrombie, Cardin, Kleczka, Condit, Farr of California, Obey, Beilenson, Richardson, Traficant, and Filner.

ENERGY—OUTLOOK AND IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on U.S. Energy Outlook and Implications for Energy R&D. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Jay E. Hakes, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and Joseph J. Romm, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and public witnesses.

AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on the Airport Improvement Program, with emphasis on airport needs. Testimony was heard from Gerald L. Dillingham, Associate Director, Transportation Issues/Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Frederick H. Vogt, Director, Aeronautics Division, Department of Transportation, State of Tennessee; William L. Blake, Director, Division of Aeronautics, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois; Willard G. Plentl, Jr., Director of Aviation, Division of Aviation, Department of Transportation, State of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 20.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Approved Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL FREE TRADE AREA IMPLEMENTATION ACT AMENDMENTS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported H.R. 3074, to amend the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 to provide the President with additional proclamation authority with respect to articles of the West Bank or Gaza Strip or a qualifying industrial zone.

The Committee also approved Budget Views and Estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Richard Grant, Paralyzed Veterans of

America, Richard G. Fazakerley, Blinded Veterans of America, Virginia M. Torsch, Retired Officers Association, Charles R. Jackson, Non-Commissioned Officers Association of the United States, and Neil Goldman, Jewish War Veterans of the United States, all of Washington, D.C.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

Conferees on Wednesday, March 13, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 956, to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation.

ALBANIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission held hearings to examine the challenges to democracy in Albania, receiving testimony from Elez Biberaj, Director of the Albanian Service, Voice of America; and Fred Abrahams, Human Rights Watch/Helsinki, and Kathleen Imholz, both of New York, New York.

Commission recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Airland Forces, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on tactical aviation programs, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense plan, focusing on emerging battlefield concepts for the 21st century and the implications of these concepts for technology investment decisions, 10 a.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold hearings on S. 581, to repeal those provisions of Federal law that require employees to pay union dues or fees as a condition of employment, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

House Chamber

Monday, No legislative business is scheduled.

Tuesday and the balance of the week, Consideration of the following 5 Suspensions:

H.R. 2937, Reimbursement of former White House Travel Office Employees;

H. Con. Res. 48, Sense of Congress that the United States is committed to the military stability of the Taiwan Straits;

H.R. 2739, House of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Correction Act;

Two House Oversight Committee resolutions adopting congressional accountability regulations;

Consideration of H.R. 2202, the Immigration in the National Interest Act of 1995 (modified closed rule, 2 hours of general debate); and

Consideration of an omnibus appropriations bill for fiscal year 1996.

NOTE: Conference reports may be brought up at any time. Any further program will be announced later.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:45 a.m., Friday, March 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 10 a.m.), Senate will consider S. 942, Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: No legislative business is scheduled.

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